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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING A MACHINE GUN AND A SILENCER

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Rahmon D. Allen**, 20, Kansas City, Missouri, entered a guilty plea today before U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil **to one count of possessing a silencer and one count of possessing a machine gun.**

Melgren said that Allen admitted at his plea that on January 21, 2004, Allen purchased an M-16 machine gun and a silencer from an undercover Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives agent in Overland Park, Kansas. Allen was immediately arrested after the purchase of the machine gun and silencer and the weapons were recovered. It is illegal to possess a silencer or machine gun that has not been registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Allen admitted that he possessed and received the two unregistered firearms.

Allen faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, on each count. Sentencing is set for June 14, 2004.

Co-defendant **Azaryahu Tucker**, 22, Kansas City, Missouri, is charged with one count of possessing a machine gun and one count of possessing a silencer. A jury trial is set for May 18, 2004. If convicted, Tucker faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, on each count.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.